



# Broiler Hatchery

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## **Broiler-Type Eggs Set Up Slightly**

Commercial hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 207 million eggs in incubators during the week ending February 26, 2011. This was up slightly from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 84 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

## **Broiler-Type Chicks Placed Down Slightly**

Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 168 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 26, 2011. Placements were down slightly from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2011 through February 26, 2011 were 1.34 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

## Broiler-Type Eggs Set – 19 Selected States: 2011

State	Week ending					
	January 22, 2011	January 29, 2011	February 5, 2011	February 12, 2011	February 19, 2011	February 26, 2011
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama .....	29,923	30,439	29,941	30,143	31,010	29,955
Arkansas .....	23,503	22,819	23,426	22,979	23,340	23,263
Delaware .....	4,040	4,039	3,980	3,768	4,002	3,899
Florida .....	1,343	1,341	1,360	1,360	1,360	1,359
Georgia .....	32,685	33,059	33,628	33,723	33,653	33,090
Kentucky .....	6,879	7,864	8,135	8,025	7,944	7,850
Louisiana .....	3,395	3,287	3,395	3,395	3,379	3,409
Maryland .....	7,593	7,635	7,695	7,703	7,707	7,688
Mississippi .....	18,733	18,404	18,965	18,376	18,736	19,064
North Carolina .....	19,851	19,673	19,462	19,636	19,636	19,842
Oklahoma .....	7,049	7,016	6,974	7,181	7,019	7,148
Pennsylvania .....	4,073	4,116	3,914	4,001	3,675	3,956
South Carolina .....	5,544	5,673	5,452	5,579	5,610	5,566
Texas .....	15,082	14,404	14,320	14,234	14,931	15,353
Virginia .....	5,641	5,905	5,971	6,081	5,834	6,465
California, Missouri, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	18,782	18,240	19,102	18,416	18,636	19,492
19 State total .....	204,116	203,914	205,720	204,600	206,472	207,399
Previous year total .....	202,034	202,304	204,076	205,734	206,981	207,365
Percent of previous year .....	101	101	101	99	100	100

## Broiler-Type Chicks Placed – 19 Selected States: 2011

State	Week ending					
	January 22, 2011	January 29, 2011	February 5, 2011	February 12, 2011	February 19, 2011	February 26, 2011
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama .....	20,692	21,000	20,856	20,903	21,762	21,044
Arkansas .....	22,119	20,707	20,823	21,034	21,319	22,150
Delaware .....	5,689	4,420	5,002	4,579	5,336	4,498
Florida .....	1,230	1,224	1,229	1,202	1,201	1,349
Georgia .....	27,123	27,323	27,749	27,209	28,083	27,339
Kentucky .....	5,758	5,600	5,742	6,028	6,357	6,734
Louisiana .....	2,977	2,915	3,002	3,014	2,991	3,021
Maryland .....	4,866	5,928	5,885	5,439	5,874	6,758
Mississippi .....	16,247	16,190	16,293	16,123	15,576	16,401
North Carolina .....	14,841	15,534	15,446	15,715	15,731	15,200
Oklahoma .....	3,515	4,244	5,586	5,162	3,814	2,973
Pennsylvania .....	3,236	3,207	3,302	3,347	3,251	3,202
South Carolina .....	5,123	4,728	4,455	4,805	3,885	4,852
Texas .....	12,879	13,006	13,054	12,668	12,033	11,784
Virginia .....	4,886	5,202	4,971	5,459	4,520	3,929
California, Missouri, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	16,326	17,242	14,669	15,172	15,686	16,987
19 State total .....	167,507	168,470	168,064	167,859	167,419	168,221
Previous year total .....	166,113	165,437	163,279	164,631	165,886	168,299
Percent of previous year .....	101	102	103	102	101	100

## Statistical Methodology

**Survey Procedures:** Data for broiler hatchery estimates are collected from all known chicken hatcheries within the 19 States. The 19 States account for approximately 97 percent of the broilers produced on an annual basis. Individual NASS field offices maintain a list of all known hatcheries and update their lists on a continual basis. All known hatcheries within the 19 States respond via fax. Those that do not respond are contacted by telephone.

**Estimating Procedures:** All data are analyzed for unusual values. Data from each operation are compared to their own past operating profile and to trends from similar operations. All hatcheries are accounted for in the estimates. Data for missing operations are estimated based on similar operations or historical data. NASS field offices prepare these estimates by using a combination of survey indications and historic trends. Individual State estimates are reviewed by the Agricultural Statistics Board for reasonableness. Individual hatchery data are summed to State and 19 State totals.

**Revision Policy:** Revisions are generally the result of late or corrected data. Revisions made to the previous five-week's data during the current week are published in this report. Final estimates are published in the annual *Hatchery Production Summary* released in April.

**Reliability:** Hatchery estimates are based on a census of all known operating hatcheries and therefore, have no sampling error. However, estimates are subject to errors such as omission, duplication, and mistakes in reporting, recording, and processing the data. While these errors cannot be measured directly, they are minimized through strict quality controls in the data collection process and a careful review of all reported data for consistency and reasonableness.

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